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15 November 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Chief, DPD

SUBJECT: Activities Report for Operations Branch
6-12 November 1960

1. PLANS SECTION:

a. Operation [] staging party and [] arrived Hickam AFB, Hawaii on schedule. First operational sortie is to be flown 14 November.

b. CORONA 9012 successfully launched 12 November. Recovery is to be attempted 14 November after 2 day orbit flight.

c. ARGON Reports Control Manual completed. [] and [] copies will be hand-carried to West Coast via next Project C-54 aircraft.

d. [] planned activation schedule firm with initial personnel to be in place 14 November.

e. Pending Actions:

(1) Subject: CORONA 9013
Date: 29 November
Actionee: OPS/COR, []

(2) Subject: ARGON 9014A
Date: January 1961
Actionee: OPS/COR, []

(3) Subject: []
Date: 14-30 November
Actionee: OPS/Plans []

2. CONTROL CENTER:

a. Negative report for this period. Routine Control Center activities.

b. Pending Actions:

(1) Subject: Replacement for [REDACTED]
Requested: 1 June
Suspense: 22 July
Actionee: ADMIN/PERS

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(2) Subject: [REDACTED]
Requested: 6 October
Actionee: ADMIN/PERS

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3. OPERATIONS REQUIREMENTS SECTION:

a. Negative report pending return of assigned personnel from TDY.

b. Pending Actions:

(1) Subject: Air Column Plastic Shelters Evaluation
Requested: 15 June
Actionee: MB

(2) Subject: Module Pallets for C-130
Requested: 15 July
Actionee: OPS/RS and [REDACTED]

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(3) Subject: Program Covering Installation [REDACTED]
Requested: 8 July
Suspense: 1 December
Actionee: OPS/RS

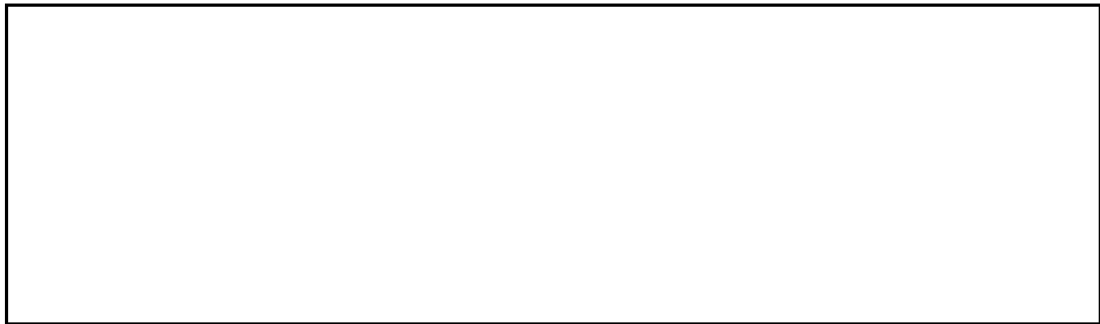
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(4) Subject: HRB Beacon Test Requested
Requested: 12 August
Suspense: 15 November
Actionee: OPS/RS and DB

(5) Subject: Engineering for High Altitude Helio H-392
Strato Courier
Requested: 11 July
Actionee: OPS/RS

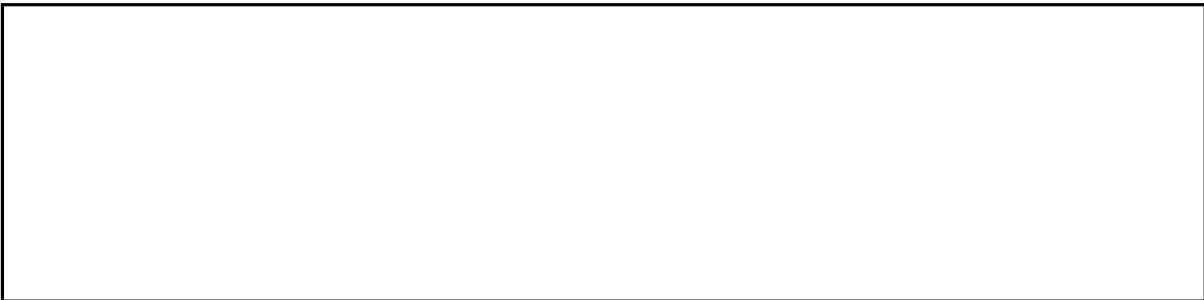
(6) Subject: CIA Air Activities - Organization and Inventory
Requested: 15 July
Suspense: 1 November
Actionee: OPS/RS

(7) Subject: [] Function and Configuration
Requested: 8 August
Suspense: 10 November
Actionee: OPS/RS and DB



4. INTELLIGENCE SECTION:

a. Visited PIC with [] for purpose of reviewing and selecting photos from past China and [] to be used in briefing []. Also outlined for [] the purpose of the visit [] and the general objectives we are seeking to attain; e. g., processing of the materials at Eastman Kodak.



c. Arranged through Admiral Ward for U. S. Navy support of CORONA Mission 9013. The problem was to move two large vans of electronic tracking equipment from the West Coast or from Honolulu to [] by 26 November. Admiral Ward offered three alternative plans which were passed by Headquarters to BMD for consideration. The Navy support was offered at no cost to the CORONA program.

d. Requested from WH/4 additional target requirements for U-2 coverage in Cuba.

e. Pending Actions: None

5. COMMUNICATIONS SECTION:

a. Arrangements were made to establish a communications link between Headquarters and Robins AFB, to be activation o/a 1 December.

b. Cryptographic material for the [] communications link has been ordered and will be delivered to the base prior to proposed activation date.

c. In view of sustained operational requirements levied upon Eglin signal center, TDY assistance for the next 90 days has been arranged.

d. [] Electronic Engineer, was authorized to depart o/a 15 November for 60 days TDY [] in connection with the [] program.

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f. Pending Actions: None

6. AIR SUPPORT SECTION:

a. []

b. [] C-118 still in IRAN.

c. []

(1) State Department approval has been obtained for [] staging. [] flight plans for November have been processed and are awaiting Mr. Bissell's signature.

(2) B-17 arrived at LAC for [] installation.

(3) [] and crew are waiting to pickup [] at LAC to return []

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8. [REDACTED]

(1) Presidential approval was obtained in principal by FE Division for continuing support [REDACTED] (This was prior to 8 November). Since the election, it is planned that the Director will brief President-Elect Kennedy in Florida if further approvals are required. 25X1

(2) Requirement exists to transport [REDACTED] from the West Coast area to Kadena departing 20 November, however, with the C-118 still in IRAN the Air Force may be requested to provide an aircraft at an estimated cost of [REDACTED] for round trip for bailment aircraft. 25X1

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e. [REDACTED]

(2) Rigging of air drop loads at [REDACTED] appears to be moving ahead in a satisfactory manner. Recent air drop tests performed [REDACTED] resulted in a drop pattern of 250 yards and an exit time of 4 1/2 seconds using side door delivery. Visual inspection revealed negative damage, 100% recoverable. 25X1

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f. A memorandum of understanding was recently drafted by Mr. [REDACTED] Chief, Supply Division; [REDACTED] C/CA, PMG, and [REDACTED] delineating the area of responsibilities in preparation of aerial delivery cargo which is the first step in worldwide standardization. 25X1

g. Pending Actions:

(1) Subject: [REDACTED] 25X1
Date: 1 June
Suspense: 1 August
Actionee: ADMIN/PERS

(2) Subject: [REDACTED] 25X1
Requested: 21 July
Suspense: 29 August
Actionee: ADMIN/FIN

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